

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church & Elementary School
Our Mission: Learn God's Truth, Share Spirit's Healing, Follow Jesus' Ways.
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, June 30, 2024 – 9:30 am.
Feast of the Faithful

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(P) Pastor; (A) Worship Assistant; (\*) Please stand as you're able;  
Congregation responses in **BOLD**



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The CHURCH'S GATHERING

WELCOME *Theme of the day, Prayer concerns, & Praise time:*

PRELUDE: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" –J.G. Walther

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

We make the sign of the cross, which was marked on us at baptism.

P: We bless the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna,
the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, we confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection. God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen**

***GATHERING HYMN: # 858 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

***CALL to WORSHIP** *from Ephesians, ch 1, CEV*

P: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
for the spiritual blessings that Christ has brought us from heaven!

**The Father treated us with undeserved grace
because of the Son God dearly loves,
and so we should praise God. Amen**

SONG of PRAISE: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

PRAYER of the DAY

Holy God, **hear our prayer.** *A brief silence.* Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GOD'S WORD

READING: Lamentations 3:22-33 *Common English Bible*
The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

A: This is a reading from Lamentations, the 3rd chapter.
Certainly the faithful love of the LORD hasn't ended;
certainly God's compassion isn't through!
They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness.
I think: The LORD is my portion! Therefore, I'll wait for him.
The LORD is good to those who hope in him, to the person who seeks him.
It's good to wait in silence for the LORD's deliverance.
It's good for a man to carry a yoke in his youth.
He should sit alone and be silent when God lays it on him.
He should put his mouth in the dirt—perhaps there is hope.
He should offer his cheek for a blow; he should be filled with shame.
My Lord definitely won't reject forever.
Although he has caused grief, God will show compassion
in measure with his covenant loyalty.
God definitely doesn't enjoy affliction, making humans suffer.

This is the Word of God, word of life.

We give our thanks to God.

Psalm 30 (read responsively)

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

**While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.**

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O LORD;

I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;

O LORD, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

***WELCOMING the GOSPEL: "Listen, God is Calling"**

Refrain
Leader All

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the 'Leader' and the second for 'All'. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: 'Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing, of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy.' The second staff continues the melody: D4 (half), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half). The lyrics are: 'of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy.'

- 1 Jesus gave his mandate:
share the good news
that he came to save us
and set us free. *Refrain*

***HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43**

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

P: This is the Holy Gospel as the Word was given to Mark, the 5th chapter.

We give glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So Jesus went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. Jesus took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

This is the Good News of Christ's Victory.

We give praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE: Pr. Paul Collinson-Streng (*silence for reflection follows*)

***HYMN of the DAY: # 729 "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"**

APOSTLES CREED

With the whole Church, we confess our baptismal faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection † of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

A: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. *A brief silence.*

God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, your touch brings healing and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for all who are in need, and for doctors, nurses, and health care workers who provide care. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: We especially pray for John, Greg, Genevieve, Mary Lou, our at-home worshippers, ...

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of the ages, great is your faithfulness. We remember in thanksgiving our beloved dead who with all the saints sing without ceasing in your realm of glory.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

JESUS' SUPPER

PEACE

The peace of Christ is always with you. **And also with you.**

RECEIVING OUR TITHES and OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN: "Come, Let Us Eat" (st. 1 & 2)

- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together,
our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. *A brief silence.* Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING & PREFACE**

P: The Christ of God is with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts in Spirit. **Our hearts go up to God.**

We give honor and glory to the Holy One.

We give thanks and praise to Abba God.

It is right and good, our duty and our joy,
that we should thank and praise you,
most Holy One, always and everywhere,
through Christ Jesus, our Servant Leader,
the source of light and life, hope and peace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the church triumphant,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY: "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"**

Refrain— sung twice each time

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. *End*

(sing stanza once)

- 1 Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread, I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger. *Refrain*

***THANKSGIVING at the TABLE**

Holy God, in humility and hope we honor and adore you.

Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world,

for your promises to your people Israel,

and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, **he shares our life.**

Eating with sinners, **he welcomes us.**

Guiding his children, **he leads us.**

Visiting the sick, **he heals us.**

Dying on the cross, **he saves us.**

Risen from the dead, **he gives new life.**

Living with you, **he prays for us.**

In the night in which he was handed over, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this, and remember me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this and remember me.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup, and we give witness to the mystery of faith.

We remember Christ's death.

We proclaim Christ's resurrection.

We await Christ's return.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Savior.

Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.

Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, and inspire us to love,

that we may serve as your faithful disciples

until we feast at your table in glory.

Holy, mighty, and loving God, we thank and praise you.

The heavens are joyful, and the earth is glad.

You are worthy to be praised, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Blessing God's holy name, we pray as Jesus has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as

we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

***INVITATION to the FEAST**

Bread is broken. **Love is shared.**

Sharing Communion *Please take time for meditation & prayer.*

SONG during SUPPER: # 733 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

SPIRIT'S SENDING

PRAYER for MISSION

A: Let us together pray. *A brief silence.* Jesus, Bread of life, **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen**

MISSION UPDATE: *opportunities for learning & service*

***BLESSING**

P: Receive the blessing. *A brief silence.*

The blessing of † God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, rest upon you now and forever.



***SENDING HYMN: # 893 "Before You, Lord, We Bow"**

***SENDING into MISSION**

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

We will Learn God's Truth.

We will Share Spirit's Healing.

We will Follow Jesus' Way.

P: Let's share Christ's peace as we go
to love and serve all!

Amen. Yes, we will!

Please take care as you greet your neighbors with the Peace.

POSTLUDE: "Praeludium in C-major" –J.S. Bach

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At the time of this writing, please keep the following in your prayers: ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Synod Bishop Bill Gohl, those hospitalized or at home recuperating, and our at-home worshippers.

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*Today's Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God*

In thankfulness for a blessed summer.  
Given by Janice Frederick.

In Loving Memory of my sister, Phyllis, on her June 28<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
Given by your sister and best friend, Doris Jean Alkire.

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Today's Worship Folders are Given to the Glory of God

In Memory of the June 30th wedding anniversary
of Henry and Catherine Milke.
Given by their daughter, Arlene Roth.

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Attendance for June 23, 2024: 32

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Helping with today's worship

Worship Assistant: Open Usher: Don Bayne

Learning, Serving, & Fellowship Opportunities

Thank You to Pr. Paul Collinson-Streng for leading today’s worship service while Pr. Lans is away.

Independence Day Closings: The school and church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th. We wish you all a safe holiday.

Church office closings: The church office will be closing at noon on July 3rd and closed on July 5th.

Church & PACE Picnic: Because this event falls on the holiday weekend, PACE is postponing the event until August. Details to follow.

Sponsorships Available: Flowers for 10:15 am. service on 7/14 and 8/4 (contact Nancy Barnes).

27th Annual Kids Summer Arts Camp: August 5th-16th, M-F 9a-3p. at St. Luke’s (7001 Harford Rd., 21234). For kids who’ve completed Kindergarten to those who’ve completed 5th grade. Cost is \$200 and includes camp, lunch, and snacks. For more information or to register, call 410-444-5171.

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**News from St. Peter’s Elementary School**

“Open Enrollment” for the 2024-25 school year continues. Contact the office at 410-665-4521 if you have questions, want to schedule a tour, or to register. Referrals are always welcome!